

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A cross-contamination prevention system comprising:

a supervisormaintenance center collecting, recording and managing information regarding cross-contamination that affects measured values with mixing of a plurality of reagents;

a plurality of information offerersfirst examination centers offering the cross-contamination information to said supervisormaintenance center;

a plurality of information receiverssecond examination centers receiving the cross-contamination information from said supervisormaintenance center;

a communication system for dispensing the cross-contamination information among said supervisormaintenance center, said plurality of information offerersfirst examination centers, and said plurality of information receiverssecond examination centers via communication lines; and

a processing system for periodically sending the cross-contamination information under management of said supervisormaintenance center to said plurality of information receiverssecond examination centers.

2. (Currently Amended) A cross-contamination prevention system according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~supervisor~~maintenance center carries out a validation test based on the collected information to validate whether the information is true or false, and sends only the information, which has been validated as being true, to said plurality of ~~information receiver~~s~~second~~ examination centers.

3. (Currently Amended) A cross-contamination prevention system according to Claim 2, wherein said ~~supervisor~~maintenance center is made up of an information collecting organization for collecting the information regarding cross-contamination and carries out a validation test on the collected information, and an information sending organization for managing the information, which has been collected and subjected to the validation test by said information collecting organization, and sending the information to said plurality of ~~information receiver~~s~~second~~ examination centers.

4. (Currently Amended) A cross-contamination prevention system according to Claim 2, wherein said ~~supervisor~~maintenance center is made up of an information collecting and managing organization for collecting the information regarding cross-contamination, managing only information that has been validated as being true as a result of a validation test carried out on the collected information by an information validating organization, and sending the information

under management to said plurality of ~~information receivers~~second examination centers, and the information validating organization for receiving the information collected by said information collecting and managing organization and carrying out the validation test on the received information.

5. (Original) A cross-contamination prevention system according to Claim 1, wherein the information regarding cross contamination contains at least one of information for identifying an offensive reagent, information for identifying a defensive reagent, information regarding a level of influence of the cross-contamination, information regarding a contamination place, information regarding a detergent type, and information regarding a detergent volume.

6. (Currently Amended) A cross-contamination prevention system according to Claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of ~~information receivers~~second examination centers manages an analyzer utilizing the information regarding cross-contamination, and said analyzer has the function of automatically taking in the information received by said information receiver and changing an operation sequence of said analyzer as required.

7. (Original) A cross-contamination prevention system according to Claim 6,

wherein said analyzer has the function of displaying the cross-contamination information having been automatically taken in, the function of asking an operator of said analyzer for whether the operation sequence of said analyzer is to be changed or not, the function of registering a result of confirmation made by the operator, and the function of changing the operation sequence of said analyzer in accordance with the registration result.

8. (Currently Amended) A cross-contamination prevention system according to Claim 6, wherein said analyzer has the function of validating its own ability of the function of suppressing cross-contamination, and the function of determining whether the operation sequence of said analyzer is to be changed or not, based on combination of the validated ability of the function of suppressing cross-contamination and the cross contamination information having been automatically taken in.

9. (Currently Amended) A cross-contamination prevention system according to Claim 1, further including a processing system for enabling said supervisor maintenance center and said information offerer first examination centers to receive predetermined charges in exchange for offering the information.

10-13. (Canceled).